

Please do not grant SBC's petition.

Independent ISPs have provided our household, over the years, with Internet service whose quality has far surpassed the service offered by the local incumbent phone company OR the local cable company. Because an independent ISP is providing us with service, we have a feature-rich and fast DSL Internet connection, with quality of support unheard of in association with the RBOCs or the local cable ISP.

If you grant SBC's petition and effectively kill independent ISPs, you will effectively be telling us to downgrade our internet-service to a slower one with higher price, fewer features, unfavorable terms-of-service, and support machinery where you will be lucky if your support requests are reviewed half the time.

Certainly SBC could offer us with a service comparable to what our current, independent, ISP is offering. Such service would, however, have considerably higher price tag attached.